



# Year in Review

## January 2003

### Jan. 2

TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp. begins contacting its military beneficiaries after a December 2002 computer theft allowed unauthorized access to military information in the TRICARE Central Region.

### Jan. 5

The Army sponsors the All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas. The top 78 high school football players are placed into two regional teams to play in the annual East vs. West all-star game.



### Jan. 7

The Pentagon hosts a commemorative display in honor of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. The expedition covered 7,689 miles of waterways in two years and helped open the American West for settlement.

### Jan. 16

Field Manual 7-22.7, a pocket-sized NCO reference manual, becomes available electronically for all Soldiers.

### Jan. 22

The U.S. Army Knowledge Online team's Web site is recognized by CIO magazine as one of the top 50 among business- and government-related sites.

### Jan. 29

Bill Mauldin, former National Guard Soldier and creator of the World War II "Willie and Joe" cartoons, is buried during a military funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.

### Feb. 1

The space shuttle *Columbia* breaks apart above north-central Texas 15 minutes before a planned touchdown at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. Four of the seven astronauts aboard are U.S. military officers.

### Feb. 5

National Guard Soldiers from Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas begin assisting federal authorities with the search for wreckage from the shuttle *Columbia*.

### Feb. 13

Korean War veterans are honored at the Pentagon during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new exhibit exploring their service to America.

### Feb. 14

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Reginald Brown approves stop-loss measures for Soldiers in units that have been alerted for deployment to the Persian Gulf. Tours for Soldiers stationed in Korea are extended by 90 days.

Information for this chronology was taken from *Soldiers* magazine, the Army News Service, the American Forces Press Service and other official news sources.

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### **Feb. 18**

The Army racing team, led by driver Jerry Nadeau, finishes 28th at the Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Fla.



### **Feb. 20**

National Guard Soldiers from Delaware, the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Virginia are called to duty after a record-breaking blizzard paralyzes the East Coast.

### **Feb. 21**

Army athletes dominate the 2003 Armed Forces Boxing Championships by winning eight of 13 bouts against the Navy team.

## **March 2003**

### **March 11**

SGT Dremiel Byers and PFC Tina Wilson, wrestlers from Fort Carson, Colo., are honored as the Army's top male and female athletes of 2002.

### **March 17**

The National Guard Memorial Museum opens in Washington, D.C. The museum chronicles the history of the National Guard as a national military force, from George Washington's time to today's mission of homeland defense.



### **March 19**

President George W. Bush announces that operations to disarm Iraq have begun. The military actions will be known as Operation Iraqi Freedom.



### **March 31**

The first Army brigade equipped with Stryker wheeled armored vehicles begins its evaluation process during an exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

## **April 2003**

### **April 1**

The U.S. Military Academy's lacrosse coach, Jack Emmer, becomes the all-time top winning lacrosse coach in the NCAA's Division I.

### **April 10**

The Army well-being newsletter debuts. The newsletter, containing family-related information, is part of the Army's Personnel Transformation Initiative.

### **April 11**

Army Space Command activates the service's first space unit — the 1st Space Brigade at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

### **April 13**

The All-Army freestyle wrestling team wins six of seven gold medals to dominate the 2003 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships.



### **April 21**

The annual White House Easter egg roll is closed to the public in order to host an estimated 12,000 military families.

### **April 23**

The destruction of a mustard-agent stockpile at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., begins under an accelerated program implemented after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

### **April 25**

Secretary of the Army White submits his resignation after two years in office.



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**May 2003**

## **May 1**

Torii Station, Japan, earns the 2003 Army Community of Excellence Award.



## **May 6**

Nearly 200 National Guard Soldiers are on duty helping civil authorities in Missouri, Kansas and Tennessee after a tornado tore through those states.

## **May 7**

The Army wins three of five Department of Defense environmental awards. The winners are the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.; and the Texas National Guard.



## **May 10**

The All-Army wrestling team wins its third U.S. National Wrestling Championship.

## **May 15**

The Fort Lewis, Wash.-based Stryker Brigade Combat Team moves to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., to begin its operational evaluation exercise.



## **May 16**

More than 7,000 Pacific-based Soldiers deploy to Thailand as part of Exercise Cobra Gold 2003.

## **May 19**

With the victory in Iraq, the Army lifts its "stop-movement" order and allows Soldiers with certain specialties and in certain units to report to their next assignments.

## **May 22**

The Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies, a joint research collaboration between the Army and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, opens in Cambridge, Mass.

## **May 30**

The Purple Heart, the nation's oldest military decoration, is commemorated on a new postage stamp. The first-day issue is held at Mount Vernon, Va., George Washington's estate.

## **May 31**

Combat-related special compensation for 20-year retirees is enacted. The compensation allows for additional benefits through the Army for combat service.

**June 2003**

## **June 5**

A special court-martial panel sentences PVT Kamila Iwanowska, HHC, Installation Troop Command, Fort Drum, N.Y., to a bad-conduct discharge for willingly disobeying a lawful order when she refused to receive the anthrax vaccine.

## **June 9**

Grecian Firebolt 2003, the world's largest peacetime communication exercise, tests new communication systems intended to protect the U.S. homeland and contribute to victory in the global war on terrorism.

## **June 11**

GEN Eric K. Shinseki, the 34th chief of staff of the Army, retires.



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### **June 23**

SFC Billie Jo Miranda of Co. E, 1st Bde., 61st Inf. Regt., at Fort Jackson, S.C., and SFC Corenna Rouse of the Army Reserve's



100th Div. in Louisville, Ky., are honored as the active-duty and top reserve-component drill sergeants of the year.

### **June 26**

SGT Rudy Tia Jr. of Fort Hood, Texas, wins his fifth All-Army chess tournament during an Armywide competition at Fort Myer, Va.

## **July 2003**



### **July 1**

President Bush hosts a mass re-enlistment ceremony at the White House to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the all-volunteer force. Enlistment ceremonies also take place at military entrance processing stations across the country.

### **July 22**

The fourth of five Old Guard Soldiers accused in a series of burglaries in the Washington, D.C., area is sentenced to four years in prison. The other three received lesser sentences. One other Soldier is awaiting court-martial.



### **July 27**

Korean War veterans are honored in ceremonies and events recognizing the 50th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended three years of combat against communist forces in Korea.

## **August 2003**

### **Aug. 1**

The Army's new electronic military personnel office, eMILPO, goes online.



### **Aug. 3**

GEN Peter Schoomaker is sworn in as the Army's 35th chief of staff.

### **Aug. 3**

More than 1,500 Soldiers of the 75th Ranger Regt. and its three battalions kick off Ranger Rendezvous 2003 by jumping onto Fort Benning's Fryar Drop Zone.

### **Aug. 4**

A platoon from the first Stryker brigade travels from Fort Lewis, Wash., to Korea for its first overseas live-fire exercise.

### **Aug. 5**

PFC Tina George wins a gold medal in the inaugural women's wrestling competition at the Pan American Games.

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August 2003



## **Aug. 11**

1LT Anita Allen becomes the first member of the World Class Athlete Program to win a berth on the U.S. team for the 2004 Summer Olympics after winning the women's pentathlon during the Pan American Games.

## **Aug. 22**

Soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div. from Fort Stewart, Ga., return home from Iraq after being deployed for almost a year.

## **Aug. 24**

Soldiers from the 82nd Field Artillery Regt., 1st Cavalry Div., deploy to Missoula, Mont., to assist in fighting one of the biggest, most complex wildfires in the 2003 fire season.

## **Aug. 26**

SPC Liana Bombardier, a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga., becomes the first woman to win the Billy C. Atkins Trophy as the highest-scoring service-rifle shooter in the National Highpower Rifle Long-Range Championships.



September 2003



## **Sept. 7**

A team from the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School began visiting Army installations to teach a new exercise regimen that includes pull-ups, the shuttle sprint, squat bender, rower and forward lunge.

## **Sept. 9**

COL Richard Moran, who oversaw Contracting Command, Korea, and was indicted for fraud in July, begins serving a four-and-a-half year prison sentence.

## **Sept. 10**

Soldiers of the 101st Abn. Div. launch one of the biggest raids during the war on terror in southwest Iraq, resulting in the capture of 79 suspected terrorists.

## **Sept. 11**

Coalition forces gather in Bagram, Afghanistan, for a retreat ceremony honoring those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks and in the ensuing global war on terrorism.

## **Sept. 19**

SSG James W. Luby of the 3rd U.S. Inf. (The Old Guard) at Fort Myer, Va., is named the Army's NCO of the Year. SPC Russell Burnham of the 1st Bde., 25th Inf. Div., at Fort Lewis, Wash., is named the Soldier of the Year.

## **Sept. 21**

More than 2,500 Army and Air National Guard members from five states are called in to help clean up after Hurricane Isabel hits the East Coast.

## **Sept. 26**

The first 192 Soldiers taking "rest and recuperation" leave during Operation Iraqi Freedom land at Baltimore-Washington International Airport. From there, they depart for their homes across the country.



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## October 2003



### Oct. 1

The gray physical-fitness uniform is no longer authorized for wear for physical training. All soldiers must own the new PT uniform.

### Oct. 2

The U.S. Total Army Personnel Command and the U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command will merge to form the U.S. Army Human Resources Command. A new Web site will also be online at [www.hrc.army.mil](http://www.hrc.army.mil).

### Oct 5

The 19th Army Ten-Miler is held in the nation's capital with a record 13,197 runners participating.

### Oct 5

The U.S. Army Civilian Human Resources Agency is formally inaugurated by LTG John M. LeMoyne, the U.S. Army deputy chief of staff, G-1. The agency will manage all aspects of the human-resources life-cycle for civilians.

### Oct 10

SSG Basheer Abdullah, coach of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxing team, is selected by USA Boxing as head coach for Team USA in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

### Oct 16

The Army Space and Missile Defense Command and the Colorado Army National Guard activate the first ground-based, midcourse defense brigade. The brigade will operate the first part of the integrated Ballistic Missile Defense System.

### Oct 21

Soldiers can now access the Army Housing OneStop Web site at [www.onestoparmy.com](http://www.onestoparmy.com) for reassignment housing information.

## November 2003

### Nov 12

The 3rd Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., deploys its Stryker vehicles to Kuwait. This marks the first time since World War I that the brigade has deployed overseas.

### Nov 13

Acting Army Secretary Brownlee approves implementation of the Active Army Unit Stop Loss program. The program applies to active-duty Soldiers assigned to units selected for deployment in support of operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

### Nov 18

CSM Kenneth O. Preston of the Germany-based V Corps is selected as the 13th sergeant major of the Army. Preston will replace SMA Jack L. Tilley when he retires Jan. 15.

## December 2003

### Dec 13

"Ladies and gentlemen, we got him. The tyrant is a prisoner." — L. Paul Bremer, U.S. administrator in Iraq.

